



# BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5, 1999**  
**Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors**  
**Doubletree San Francisco Airport**  
**835 Airport Boulevard**  
**Burlingame, California**

### Thursday, November 4, 1999.

#### 1. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

The Meeting was called to order by President Shambeck at 4:15p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present: George Shambeck (President), Gregg Brandow, Vincent DiTomaso, Ted Fairfield, James Foley, Andrew Hopwood, Steve Lazarian, Marilyn Lyon, Myrna Powell, Quang Vu.

Board Members Absent: Kathy Hoffman (Vice-President), David Chen, Millicent Safran

Board Staff Present: Cindi Christenson (Executive Officer), Gary Duke (Legal Counsel), Kevin A. Schunke (Special Assistant to the Executive Officer), Nancy Eissler (Attorney General Liaison Analyst), Jacqueline Barclay (Executive Analyst)

Public Present: Carrie Clark, Center for Public Interest Law; Frank D. Pierce, CSPE; Rich Ray, CLSA; R.H. Hamstra, PATCA; Bob Verderber, CSPE; Richard Markuson, CELSOC; Joyce Hirano, Caltrans; Richard Siegmund; Lionel J. Suds

#### 2. Public Comment

President Shambeck asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

#### 3. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session.

President Shambeck recessed the Board Meeting and announced it would continue on Friday, November 5, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 5, 1999

1. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

The Meeting was reconvened and called to order by President Shambeck at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present: George Shambeck (President), Gregg Brandow, Vincent DiTomaso, Ted Fairfield, James Foley, Andrew Hopwood, Steve Lazarian, Myrna Powell, Quang Vu.

Board Members Absent: Kathy Hoffman (Vice-President), David Chen, Millicent Safran

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2. Public Comment

President Shambeck asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

3. Closed Session

The Board went back into closed session.

4. Open Session To announce Results of Closed Session.

Ms. Christenson announced the results of closed session.

The Board discussed the April 2000 Professional Land Surveyor Examination (PLS).

The Board adopted the Stipulation in the matter of Charles Sikora.

The Board will be issuing a Decision After Non-adoption in the matter of Tiit Veske.

The Board granted the Motion to Set Aside the Default Decision and set the matter for hearing in the matter of William Shen.

The Board approved for licensure those candidates that passed the April 1999 PE and PLS examinations on appeal.

The Board approved the successful appeals of April 1999 PE and PLS

examinations for those candidates who have not met all requirements for licensure.

The Board denied the appeals of the April 1999 PE and PLS examinations for those candidates who have not met all requirements for licensure.

5. Approval of Consent Items

**MOTION:** Ms. Powell/Mr. DiTomaso moved to approve the consent items.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

6. Approval of Delinquent Reinstatements (Possible Action)

**MOTION:** Mr. DiTomaso/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the 3 and 5-year reinstating engineers for licensure as follows:

Hagan, James; Fojo, Carmen

Take and Pass the California Seismic Principles and Engineering Surveying and take home examinations. Pay all required fees.

Leach, Donald; Jones, Allen; Anderson, Scott F.;

Slabbekoorn, Scott; Straus, Steven

Waive the second division examination. Take and pass the Board take home examination. Pay all required fees.

**VOTE:** 10-0, Motion carried

7. Comity and Temporary Authorization Applications (Possible Action)

**MOTION:** Mr. Lazarian/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve the applicants for licensure by Comity as provided on pages 33 through 44 of the agenda package.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

8. Technical Advisory Committee Reports

a. Land Surveying

President Shambeck reported on the October 1, 1999, TAC Meeting

b. Civil/Geotechnical

Mr. Fairfield reported on the September 30, 1999, TAC Meeting

The Board discussed at length the design-build issue with respect to civil, electrical, mechanical engineers and the contractor's law.

**MOTION:** Ms. Powell/Mr. Hopwood moved to approve that a subcommittee of the Board meet with the Contractor's Board to address the discrepancies between the contractor's law and the **Professional Engineers Act regarding design/build.**

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

Mr. Vu and Mr. Lazarian were appointed to sit on the subcommittee.

- c. Electrical Engineering  
Mr. DiTomaso reported on the September 27, 1999 TAC Meeting
- d. Mechanical Engineering  
Mr. Vu reported on the September 21, 1999 TAC Committee Meeting

**MOTION:** Mr. Vu/Mr. DiTomaso moved to approve Mr. Thomas Crawford, P.E., and Mr. Uday Shah, P.E., to serve as members of the Mechanical Engineering TAC.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

- e. Structural Engineering  
Mr. Brandow reported that there was no meeting since the last Board Meeting. The next SE TAC meeting will be December 15, 1999.

9. Liaison Reports (Possible Action)

- a. ABET
  - 1. Report on California Schools Undergoing Accreditation Review – Fall 99.  
Mr. Hopwood reported that he attended the ABET Accreditation review for San Jose State University and San Francisco State University. He reported that the ABET teams were well prepared. Ms. Powell reported that she attended the ABET accreditation review at Cal Poly, Pomona. Mr. DiTomaso reported that he was not afforded the opportunity to attend the California Technology College ABET accreditation review.
- b. NCEES  
Ms. Christenson reported that she attended a meeting in Philadelphia regarding computer-based testing. At this meeting they explained the market research of computer based testing. Phase I will include a survey of college/high school students asking questions regarding computer based testing. It is anticipated that Phase I will extend two years.  
  
Mr. Fairfield reported that Ms. Hoffman had previously requested the NCEES scores from Colorado, Nevada, and Washington to compare with California scores. That information is still being gathered. Mr. Fairfield reported that NCEES staff would be administering their examinations in

Arizona. Mr. Fairfield reported on the CBT Task Force.

Ms. Powell reported on the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee has recommended that at least one Member Board Administrator, such as Cindi Christenson, be placed on the Board of Directors' as a non-voting member. The committee is trying to eliminate several special committees, such as Ad Hoc committees.

- c. International Relations – nothing to report
- d. Technical and Professional Societies

Mr. Vu requested to attend the Western Regional Conference of ASME at the end of November in Pasadena, California. At this conference he will serve on the panel on the subject of licensing.

10. President's Report

Mr. Shambeck indicated that he has already discussed, under other items, the relevant parts of his President's Report.

11. Executive Officer's Report

1. Fiscal Report

- a. Ms. Christenson stated that there was a handout provided showing the examination population statistics for the October 1999. The Executive Summary was included in the agenda package.

2. Personnel

a. New Hires

Ms. Christenson reported that there are two new hires at the Board office. One person in the Administrative Unit; one person working in the Examination Administration unit.

3. Enforcement/Examinations/Licensing

a. Update

Ms. Christenson reported that Enforcement staff is working on closing old enforcement cases. Ms. Christenson reported that the examinations were given on October 29 and 30, 1999, at five locations. It appears that the examinee population is up from last year by approximately 10 percent, mainly in the Civil, Engineer-in-Training, and Land Surveyor-in-Training examinations. Ms. Christenson explained to the Board members the difference between the numbers of examinees that are set for an examination and the number of examinees that take an examination.

4. Publications

- a. Fall Bulletin - Ms. Christenson reported that the bulletin has been drafted and is currently being reviewed.
- b. Website - Ms. Christenson reported that PE applications could now be downloaded from the website. We are getting positive comments regarding "licensee look-up" on the Website.

5. Other
  - a. DCA - Ms. Christenson reported that there have not been any formal appointments at the Department. There is a new appointment secretary at the Governor's Office.
  - b. Ms. Christenson reported that there are two parts to the Mandatory Ethics training. One is the statewide training, developed by the Attorney General's Office. It can be taken via the Internet or through watching a videotape. The second portion is a Department of Consumer Affairs training. That training requires reading material and certifying that you have read and understand it. If Board members choose, they can attend this training on December 15 at 2:00, the day prior to the December 16 Board Meeting.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Examination/Qualifications

Mr. Vu reported on the November 4, 1999 Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Vu/Mr. Fairfield moved to approve utilizing the services of CPS for Civil/Geotechnical examinations.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Vu/Ms. Powell moved to adopt former Board Policy Resolution 96-08 as an Internal Management Procedure Number 99-01.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

The Board discussed the following committee reports out-of-order.

- c. Legislative  
Ms. Powell reported on the November 4, 1999 Committee meeting.
- d. Enforcement  
Mr. Foley reported on the November 4, 1999 Committee meeting.
- b. Administrative  
Ms. Lyon reported on the November 4, 1999 Committee meeting.  
The Board discussed at length the issue of a fee increase for applications for licensure and renewal of licenses.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lazarian/Ms. Lyon moved to approve a biennial renewal cycle with a 25% cap above the newly calculated renewal fee and a 25% cap above the newly calculated application fee.

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried

**MOTION:** Ms. Powell/Mr. Hopwood moved to allow retired persons to "self-certify" that they met the requirements for "retired status."

**VOTE:** 10-0, motion carried.

13. Board Travel

No Board travel was approved.

14. Other Items Not Requiring Board Action

- a. Next Board Meeting: December 16 and 17, 1999, Board Office,  
Sacramento, California

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.